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## VIA ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Notice of Ex Parte: *Improving Competitive Broadband Access to Multiple Tenant Environments*, Notice of Inquiry, GN Docket No. 17-142**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, June 8, 2017, Mike Hagg, CEO, and Brent Groome, Chief Executive Marketing, Economic and Strategic Initiative, of Horry Telephone Cooperative (“HTC”) along with Clare Liedquist and the undersigned, as counsel, met with Commissioner Michael O’Rielly and Robin Colwell, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner O’Rielly, of the Federal Communications Commission (“FCC” or “Commission”).

During the meeting, HTC discussed the release of the above captioned Notice of Inquiry. Mr. Groome and Mr. Hagg noted that originally, bulk-billing arrangements were utilized only for hotels and apartment buildings. Now, however, HTC has seen in Horry County, SC that its main competitor is using long term contracts with below market pricing combined with bulk-billing arrangements for single family communities as a means to stifle competition and to thwart the deployment of advanced broadband.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's Rules, we are filing this letter electronically in the above-captioned dockets. Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. L. Herman, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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cc Commissioner Michael O'Rielly  
Robin Colwell